

An Historic Community with a Vision for the Future

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Barrington

February 2003

Barrington Memorial Park to Honor 'Everyday Heroes'

An oasis of trees and gardens, brick walkways, seating areas and two larger-than-life statues honoring police officers and firefighters is about to rise from the ashes of the former Barrington United Methodist Church site on Hough Street. The centerpiece of the park, to be known as Barrington Memorial Park, will be statues of a police officer and a firefighter raising the American flag. The Committee plans to hold dedication ceremonies for the park on September 11, 2003.

"Committee members reached a consensus on the design concept of the park in mid-January" said Beth Raseman, Village Trustee who chairs the Site Development Committee. "The park will feature a north-south and an east-west brick walkway that will intersect to form a cross. The two statues will be placed at the point where the walkways intersect."

"The concept for the park is very simple, yet very respectful," Raseman said. It will honor all public safety personnel for their service to the community and the country."

"The brick walkways will provide residents with a unique opportunity to become a part of Barrington history while helping to support the Memorial," said Barrington Township Supervisor Gene Dawson, who heads the Brick Paver Committee. Within the next few months, individuals, families and businesses will have the opportunity to purchase a paver for the walkways that will carry an inscription of the purchaser's choosing. Complete details on the Buy a Brick program will be forthcoming.

In addition to the brick pavers, residents and

businesses will have other opportunities to support the Memorial Park. "As the groundbreaking gets closer, we will be publicizing a "wish list" of items we hope local benefactors and residents might be willing to donate to the park," Raseman said.

Conceptual renderings for the park are currently being drawn in preparation for hearings before the Village of Barrington's Plan Commission and Architectural Review Commission. Those hearings could be completed as early as March 2003 with actual construction on the park expected to begin in late spring to early summer.



2002 Marks Many Accomplishments

All Village Departments contributed significant accomplishments for the betterment of the Village. Summaries of the achievements are listed below. Additional accomplishments were listed in the previous newsletter.

Administrative Services Department

- Successfully completed the biennial budget process for 2003 and 2004, resulting in balanced budgets for both Fiscal Years.
- In conjunction with the 2003/2004 biennial budget process, successfully completed a comprehensive revision to the document incorporating a new format and modifying the financial reporting structure to comply with GASB 34.
- Attained, for the 19th consecutive year, the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for fiscal year ended December 31, 2000 and has applied for the Certificate for fiscal year ended December 31, 2001.
- Successfully completed contract negotiations with both the Union Pacific and Metra relative to the train station, completion of which was required to proceed with the renovation of the facility.
- Assisted in evaluating an automated water meter reading program and recommending a technologically advanced solution that is currently being implemented.
- Replaced computer system servers to improve the efficiency and reliability of the Village data processing network.
- Fully integrated accounts receivable into the General Ledger.
- Successfully recruited applicants for and coordinated the process to hire 16 new employees to fill vacancies which had occurred in all departments through out the year.
- Began live broadcasting of Village Board meetings and began operation of Channel 4 which replays recent meetings and displays a bulletin board of Village activities.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

- Coordinated the execution of a Village Center Business Incentive Loan Interest Subsidy Program Agreement with Participating Banks to assist existing property owners to upgrade property located in the Redevelopment Project Area. The program would make available loan interest loans for building rehabilitation and facade improvements.
- Coordinated Special Events for the Village Center (2nd Annual Scarecrow Festival, 2nd Annual Luminary Walk).
- Coordinated the approval of a Redevelopment Agreement for Cook Street Plaza.
- Coordinated downtown streetscape improvements.
- Coordinated, along with Public Works, the environmental work on Redevelopment Area One in connection with the possible purchase of the Burpee property.







Environmental Tips

On January 11th, the EPA launched "The Plug-In To Recycling" Campaign. The campaign is intended to raise American's awareness of the value of reusing and recycling electronics, and also to provide them with increased opportunities to do so. This campaign seeks to increase the national recycling rate from 30 to 35 percent and cut the generation of 30 harmful chemicals by the year 2005.

Why recycle electronics?

- N Electronics are a fast growing portion of America's trash. More than 3.2 million tons of electronic waste ends up in landfills each year.
- N Electronics are made with valuable materials. In 1998, over 112 million pounds of materials were recovered from electronics, including steel, glass, plastic and precious metals.
- N Electronics can present an environmental hazard if disposed of improperly. Many older TV picture tubes and computer monitors may contain as much as four pounds of lead, as well as other potential toxics like chromium, cadmium, mercury, beryllium, nickel, zinc and brominated flame retardants.
- N Recycling helps reduce the pollution and energy used in the production of new electronics. By reusing and recycling unwanted electronics, you can put a computer, TV or cell phone in the hands of someone who really needs it, and protect the environment at the same time.

It is estimated that nearly 250 million computers will become obsolete in the next five years. Mobile phones will also be discarded at a rate of 130 million per year. Tossing all of these once expensive things into the trash just doesn't make sense, especially if they can be reused. Learn more about electronic recycling and reuse programs in your area at: http://www.plugintorecycling.org, or contact one of the electronics dealers mentioned above for more details.



Meetings are held at Village Hall, 200 S. Hough St, unless noted, and are open to the public. Call 304-3400 for information.

February:

Fire/Police Commission	6:30 pm
Zoning Board of Appeals	7:00 pm
PZED	8:45 am
Administrative Services	6:00 pm
Village Board	8:00 pm
Plan Commission	7:00 pm
Architectural Review Com	7:30 pm
Public Works Committee	7:00 pm
Village Board	8:00 pm
Plan Commission	7:00 pm
Architectural Review Com	7:30 pm
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March:

03	Fire/Police Commission	6:30 pm
04	Zoning Board of Appeals	7:00 pm
10	Committee of the Whole	7:00 pm
11	Plan Commission	7:00 pm
13	Architectural Review Com	7:30 pm
17	Administrative Services	6:00 pm
17	Village Board	8:00 pm
27	Architectural Review Com	7:30 pm

Single Stream Recycling



You may have noticed that Groot (BFI) began "Single Stream Recycling" in the Village of Barrington. The recycling driver will no longer be separating recyclables at the curb. All material will be placed in one compartment and sorted at their facility.

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Village Vision

he Vision of Barrington is to preserve and promote its unique small town heritage, preserve its distinct ecological and historical character, provide a moral and safe environment, maintain a high quality of life through the efficient use of community resources, and respond to future challenges through citizen participation in all civic. social and cultural endeavors.

The Community is committed to preserving the quality of its neighborhoods, the quality of education, and the diversity of leisure time activities. The community is dedicated to fostering an easily-accessible center of activity for the Barrington area, maintaining a prosperous economic base, protecting its extensive natural resources and promoting public participation and communication.

HOT TIPS

VIDEO TAPES OF BOARD MTGS

Videotapes of all Village Board meetings since November 2001 are available at the Barrington Area Library.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of all Village Board meetings since May 2002 are available on-line at www.ci.barrington.il.us.

ASSIST THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Please make sure the fire hydrants in your area are cleared of snow, should the fire department need easy and quick access

YARD WASTE

Compost pick-up will resume March 14th, 2003

Consolidated Election to be held April 1st

The next Consolidated Election will be held April 1, 2003. The positions of Village Clerk (2 year term) and Village Trustee (three positions for a 4 year term) will be on the ballot. Filing petitions with the local election official was held Jan. 13-21, 2003. The following Candidates have filed petitions for the office of Village Trustee to be placed on the April 1st ballot:

Paul Hunt – 154 South Ela Road Bill Powers – 202 East Lake Street David M. Horslev – 649 South Grove Avenue Karen Darch – 317 North Avenue Jim Daluga – 240 Wyngate Drive Brian McManus, Jr. – 465 Westwood Drive

Ron M. Koppelmann, 209 Sturtz, filed his petition for the office of Village Clerk.